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RUEHSL/AMEMBASSY BRATISLAVA PRIORITY 0006
RUEHBU/AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES PRIORITY 0005
RUEHCP/AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN PRIORITY 0236
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TAGS: PREL PHUM UNSC BM TZ
SUBJECT: MAKE BURMA TEST CASE OF HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL, SAYS
TANZANIA

REF: A. STATE 088947

¶B. DAR ES SALAAM 00924
¶C. STATE 083693

¶1. (SBU) Poloff delivered to Ambassador Liberata Mulamula, Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Multilateral Division, on June 12, demarche concerning a United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolution on Burma (reftel A). Mulamula said the Government of Tanzania (GOT) believes the matter of Burma should be referred to the Human Rights Council (HRC) and be that body's first test case "rather than have a resolution die in the Security Council." Mulamula said that GOT officials have spoken with officials of "Myanmar" who were "willing to consider favorably" the matter of referral to the HRC. Mulamula said the GOT is sounding out the USG on this issue in New York and has not yet made a formal proposal for referral to the HRC.

¶2. (SBU) In response to Poloff noting the strong statement that a UNSC resolution would send, Mulamula said the thrust of the draft resolution on Burma is on human rights violations, not a threat to international peace and security. Mulamula said GOT officials have spoken with representatives of ASEAN countries, all of whom are concerned about the situation in Burma, especially in light of the extension of Aung San Suu Kyi's detention. However, there is no consensus for a resolution and the GOT does not want a stand-off in the UNSC. Mulamula added that the situation in Burma cannot be dealt with adequately under UNSC regulations.

¶3. (SBU) COMMENT: We have pressed Tanzania on Burma repeatedly during Tanzania's tenure on the UNSC and, while the GOT position voiced by Mulamula is not ours, we are encouraged by greater signs of engagement on the issue. However, we will continue to press for Tanzanian support of UNSC action. END COMMENT
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